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Period 2

Reflection

Othello Excuse

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    After reading the play Othello, we were required to compose an excuse for the actions of one of the characters. The character excuse was to be similar to an absentee excuse from a student at school.

    At first I was not sure how to start this assignment. I decided to write my letter as though I was a member of the army reporting back to the Duke of Venice. I thought that this way I would be able to expand on my excuse though a narrative. Next I chose Emilia for my assignment, because I wanted to explore her character more. When reading the play in class, I had always thought that Emilia was a character that I truly felt sorry for. Her intentions were good, but the effects hurt the one's she loved and the only one that loved her. Emilia's death was also very heroic and somewhat unexpected. I also did not want to pick a main character, such as Othello, because I thought at the time that the main characters would be too easy.

    While writing this letter I was surprised at how easy the essay began as I went on. After the first paragraph, the paper became very natural and seemed to follow. I tried to use language pertinent to the time period, but I think I was a little off with some phrases. I really enjoyed writing this piece. Between the diction and the narrative, my essay kept me captivated in writing it.

If I were to do this assignment again, I would definitely choose a different. I think I would like to try a main character such as Iago or Othello. Looking back on the assignment, writing an excuse for Othello or Iago may actually very difficult compared to Emilia. Othello had many mistakes that he could be excused from, where as the audience only see one or two of Emilia’s mistakes. Overall, I was very pleased with this assignment.